

#### WE NOMINATE

Thomas Edward Murray, known to hundreds of Princetonians as "Uncle Tom" and as much of a Princeton landmark as the cannon behind Nassau Hall, who this Friday in the Fire Department's annual parade and inspection will fill a position of honor—not only as the senior member of a distinguished organization but also as New Jersey's oldest active fireman. It was on April 13, 1891, five years before the College of New Jersey became Princeton University and a full decade before Woodrow Wilson ascended to the presidency of the University, that Murray joined Engine Company Number One, oldest of the three volunteer units.

Looking forward to his 83d birthday, and cheerfully declaring, "I'll retire when I die," Murray can tell much of the town's history and growth in the terms of his own experiences. While there is little resemblance between the streamlined Fire Department of 1950, rated high among the State's volunteer units, and the high-wheeled hose carriages Murray helped pull at the turn of the century, he continues to personify the volunteer tradition which has been an integral part of the Princeton way of life ever since the first fire company was organized in the late 1780's.

A second-generation Princetonian of Irish descent, Murray was once described by an employer as a man "who knew men, fire-fighting, horses and

his job." He left school early, worked his way up and was serving as a construction foreman when engaged by the University's Department of Grounds and Buildings in 1907. For the next 30 years—until retirement at age 70—he held forth as Grounds Foreman, making his rounds year-after-year in a horse and gig, and finally accepting with great reluctance a Ford pick-up that he invariably kept in high gear.

Murray, Department Chief long before the majority of Princeton's active finemen were elected to their respective companies, remembers highlights and details which will never be chronicled in any community history. The year after he answered his first alarm, it was agreed, to insure equal representation in key positions, that the "chief" and the "first and second assistants" would be rotated annually among the three companies. A parade, inspection and banquet were held in 1903 in honor of Number One's "new steamer;" the "whole town" was threatened by the Alhambra Fire of 1909; and horses finally "went out" in 1914.

For genially linking Princeton Present and "The Princeton That Was:" for believing implicitly in concepts of citizenship that place service to others above all else; for insisting that "I have done nothing"—in comparison to other members of the Department; he is TOWN TOPICS' nominee for

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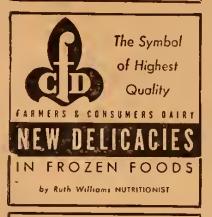
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### Topics of the Town

The statistics that Big Town, Princeton had been waiting to see ever since the post-war era dawned came to light this week; based on came to light this week; based on 1950 census figures, the town's population is now 17,255, up a sizeable 6,285 from the ten-year old figure of 10,970. The jump was a whopping 57 percent—in sharp contrast to 15 percent for Mercer County and about gaven percent for the and about seven percent for the

The borough is now carried as The borough is now carried as 11,865, up by 4,146 or 54 percent. The township's relative gain is even greater—its current population is 5,390 (from 1940's 3,251) for a flat 66 percent increase. The change that had come to pass in the last decade could be graphically summed up in one fracture. cally summed up in one sentence: not in the recorded history of census-taking (dating back 110 years) had a population increase in Princeton anywhere near the last decade's 57 percent been recorded,

Each of Mercer's 13 communities is larger then it was ten years ago, but none topped the township's jump of 66 percent. At the other end of the scale is the city of Trenton, whose current population of 126,-894 is an increase of 2.4 percent, one of the smallest recorded in the nation.

Year of Progress. The Princeton Business Association, completing its first year Monday night at the Princeton Inn by holding its most enthusiastic meeting, re-elected Mrs. Thorn Lord as its president for another 12 months. Frederick A. Milholland, after accepting the nomination last month, declined at Monday's session with the comment that frequent absence from Princeton made his election inadvisable. He then nominated Mrs. Lord, whose return to office was by unanimous acclaim.

Others named were Bruce H. French, first vice-president; Orren Jack Turner Jr., second vice-president; Miss Kay Owles, secretary; William F. Gale, treasurer; James M. Bovino and James A. Cox, trus-

In her annual report, Mrs. Lord noted that the association's first year had been marked by "coordi-nation and cooperation among competitive businesses," and that distinct progress had been made in guiding the community's growth in a manner that would be bene-ficial to its various business and professional interests. Major ac-

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complishments were listed as sup-port lent to the installation of parking meters and establishment of a retail credit bureau. In the immediate future, plans will be made to study further the

activities of street vendors who are licensed at \$2 each without limitation to their number and who take several thousand dollars a year out of Princeton. Considerable support princeton. able support was lent to the suggestion made by Benjamin Levine that the borough require them to register several days prior to the time they plan to sell, thus neces-sitating an extra trip to Princeton which might well serve as a deter-

Consideration was also given a move to make greater use of the P.M.I. parking yard on Hullish Street, in view of its lack of use -Continued on Page 3

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Dr. McPhee explained that rahies cannot maintain itself in a community where 75 percent of the

community where 75 percent of the dogs are made immune by yearly vaccination. Furthermore, if 85 percent of the dogs in a community are immunized, the State Board of Health will lift its quarantine, now nearing the end of its 19th month here.

Borough and township health au-Thorities have arranged for a registered veterinarian, Dr. Russell Edmunds, to vaccinate the dogs at convenient clinics next week (see Calendar of the Week for time and places.) The service will be free to dog owners.

The immunization program is on a voluntary basis, but full cooperation is essential from dog owners in reaching the 85 percent goal, which will both protect the human population and finally free the town's dog population of about 1,000 from the state quarantine.

Future Events, Princeton's busy 76, American Legion, whose membership is upwards of 300, announced plans this week for two large events and also reported on its election of officers for the com-ing year. A children's day is sel for Saturday afternoon on the high for Saturday alternoon on the high school athlotic field, contests of varying kinds and refreshments featuring the program of which Henry Robertiello is chairman.

Boys' and girls' events in age classes 9-12 and 13-15 will be held in the 50 and 100 yard dashes, broad and high jumps potato has race

and high jumps, potato bag race, baseball throw, wheelbarrow race, spoon race, shoe race and an old-fashioned pic-eating contest. Registration should be made by 1:30, with the first contest to start at 2

with the first contest to start at 2 o'clock.

The July Fourth celebration in Palmer Stadium will open at 6, with repetition of "Windows of the World," the popular International festival of song and dance which the Y.W.C.A. staged so successfully in April. Music for the occasion will be provided by the crack Perth Amboy Drum and Bugle Corps, which will parade from the Batwhich will parade from the Battle Monument down Nassau Street to the stadium to open the celebration. The traditional breworks display, will follow.

D. Don Richards has been elected commander of the post, succeeding Peter J. McCrohau, Others who will serve with him are Harold M. Hinkson, Wilson J. Coan, Norman Fowler, vice-commanders; George F Cahill, adjutant; Everett Gould, linance officer; McCrohan, service officer; Jewell B. Wright, sergeant-at-arms; George Corrigan, judge advocate; Alphonse Robertiello, thetainers Dr. William L. Tradion. historian; Dr. William L. Tucker,

The executive committee consists of William Birch, Marino Ferrara, Thomas Mulvey, Andrew O'Hara, low. Delegates to the State and national conventions are Ernest Drake, Philip Wassum, Thomas Lynch, Henry Robertiello, Andrew Thomas Mulvey. nates include Elwood Blydenburgh, —continued on Page 5

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sult was the start of a service to Princeton meat users that is, as far as we know, the only one of its kind in town: meat delivery to your home in a refrigerated truck. Now that summer weather is, supposed-the truck of the summer of the su

brought down to as nutre as or grees.

Lyons (8 Nassau), naturally, comes in with the meat that is delivered in their Dodge truck, and, because of the refrigeration, is as den around on a hot summer day. Town deliveries are made in the truck every day; township of Lawrence rounds are made on Tuesday and Friday.

Bowling Lessons. An inveterate Princeton bowler has finally suc-cumbed to a suggestion that he has received frequently during his suc-cessful bowling career. Dan Apple-gate is about to give bowling les-

sons.

Mr. Applegate, "one of the oldest bowlers in town," has traveled throughout the country in the past, giving a creditable account of himself in many A.B.C. tournaments. According to him, there has never been available in Princeton formal bowling instruction; and according to been available in Princeton formal bowling instruction; and, according to his fellow bowliers, he is the one give it. One-hour lessons will be given on Saturday mornings at 9, at The Princeton Recreation Center, 138 Nassau.

It. may occur to you to wonder, as it did to us, why Mr. Applegate chose this time of year to begin instructing. When we asked the ques—Continued on Fige 9

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On the high honor roll at the Witherspoon School for the first marking period were Ally Berry, check of the Rev. Linda Mondone; at the high school, Pegg. Ballard, Margaret Dietzler, Anita Yarosi, Frederick School, Pegg. Ballard, Margaret Dietzler, Pegg. School, School,

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THE McCARTER

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The play delighted the first night's large audience; it liked, too, sow of Miss Winters, that it who benefited from a supporting cast that was measurably better than those which found their way onto the McCarter's boards last season. Here & there, the pace was slower than Mr. Kanin intended, but the overall effect was pleasing.

The second bill of the year is S. N. Behrman's "The Second Man," a domestic comedy involving the relations of a sophisticated quar-

tet that was written about a quarter century ago and runs the risk today of being somewhat dated. Franchot Tone and Margaret Lindsay have the principal parts.

### UNIVERSITY PLAYERS

Princeton's other summer dramatists, readying plans for their open-ing next month in Murray Theatre, will complete their selections for the season this weekend when director Robert H. Chapman '41 arrives from the West Coast, Currently receiving serious thought

"Family Reunion" by T. S. Eliot;
"An Inspector Calls" by J. B.
Priestly; Shakespeare's "Coriolanus" or "The Tempest;" the Research of the Way of toration comedies, "The Way of the World" by Congreve and Wycherley's "Country Wife;" "The Doctor's Dilemma" by G. B. Shaw: "The Alchemist" by Ben Johnson; "Abdication," a new play by H. T. Lowe-Porter based on the comange Lowe-Porter, based on the romance hetween the Duke of Windsor and the former Mrs. Simpson; and "The Infernal Machine" by Jean Coctcau.

The Players will shortly mail out a list of their season's offerings and an invitation to subscribe for all seven performances. Patrons will

receive choice locations at \$10 for the Summer, a considerable saving over the individual ticket price. Those who wish to make sure are on the mailing list (or have suggestions for other plays to be produced) are invited to telephone Mr. or Mrs. Karl Light (1232) at 80 Stockton Street.
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Caged (Sun.-Tucs.), written after its author. Eleanor Parker, voluntarily spent two months in four -- Continued on Page 11

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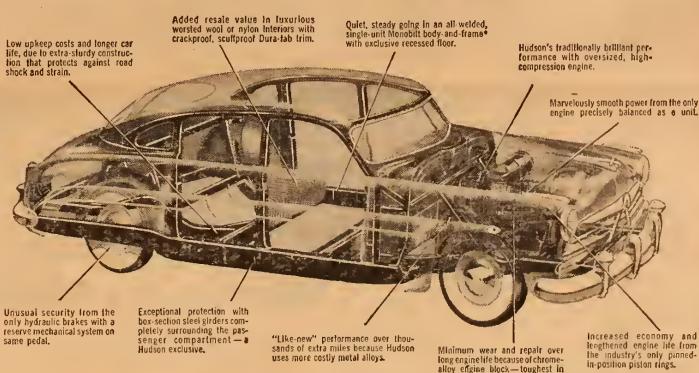
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It rained hard Friday morning, and then cleared. That evening, as Bob Cherneff of Columbia, pub-licity director for the 13-college event, was briefing some two score sportswriters and photographers on the next day's activities, the clouds burst. The meeting was interrupted when some one came in to report that there had been a rock slide, temporarlly cutting off traffic on "old Number 7," the highway from which many would view the three races.

Saturday was clear and cool, but the mild weather was in direct contrast to the turbulent, debris-filled Muskingum; the undercurrent of worry that began to pervade the town; and reports of flash floods that had innundated communities that had innundated communities 30 and 40 miles away. McConnells-ville, up river, had gotten 4.90 inches and Crooksville was in a state of emergency.

Shortly after 11 o'clock, Asa Bushnell and the five-man board.

of stewards representing the In-tercollegiate Rowing Association renched a decision to shorten the junior varsity and varsity races from three miles to two. It was the first time in the 55-year history of the event that such action had been taken on the day of the regatta.

About noon, the 42-car observa-tion train of gondolas equipped with three tiers of bleachers, back-ed into the B & O yards. With a Diesel at each end, its 5,600-person capacity gave voice to the claim that it was the largest passenger train in the history of U. S. railroading.

With hundreds of wide-eyed Marietta residents lining the tracks, the train rolled out to the starting line for the freshman race, scheduled from the beginning as a twomile affair, Two large Coast Guard harges had been anchored at the mouth of the Muskingum to divert the flow of debris along the banks of the Ohio, and a small outboard was chugging in and out of the floating wood and logs, herding them the way a dog would sheep. A 50-foot tree trunk floated by and Jesse Abramson of the Herald-Trihune said, "If you see one of those go by with oars on it, it'll be in

the race."

The 11 freshman crews crept along the West Virginia shore and approached the stake boats. Just about race time, at 2:30, it was answered that the bests were out. nounced that the boats were out of alignment and a virtually un-precedented flying start would be attempted. For the next 35 minutes, the shells jockeyed for position like a bunch of skittish thoroughbreds, finally drifting downstream for nearly a quarter-mile before Ref-

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The pitching of Emma Marcolini Embly (left) created an immediate sensation in the Girls' Softball League being sponsored by the Eagles lodge. Emma fanned 16 in her debut on the mound for the Pielettes, much to the delight of Coach Bing Dennen. Marion McCloskey (right) has been doing a noble job of catching Emma's sizzling flings.

eree Tip Goes could start them off evenly.

Rathschmidt's Princeton freshmen rowed a fine race, moving up from fifth at the half-mile and mile mark to second at the mile-and-a-half post, and trailing

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victorious Washington across the line by approximately two lengths. That, at least, was what the entire press car and a great many spectators were sure had happened. The judges, in bewilderingly inexpli—Continued on Page 8

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cable fashion, called Navy second
and Princeton sixth; by mid-week,
motion pictures were still being
awaited to review the finish.
Back the train rolled to the
start, where the jayeve race
eventually got under way, this time
aminutes short of two hours after
the race was scheduled to start.
With Ted Gabus at stroke for the
first time in actual competition,
the Nassau seconds were the with
the leaders for the first half of the
race. First Penn and then Washthe Hashes took over and
the mark it was Frinceton by
a third of a length.
But the Tigers couldn't maintain
the pace, the Huskles took over and
the Orange and Black wound up
fourth, behind them, Californin and
Navy, As Bill Robinson of the
Ulbrickson's erws had well at
the river, "Every boat that carried the
fight to Washington paid for it."

The varsity race was the last in a long series of disappointments throughout the season for Princeton. Eighth at the half-rnile mark, the Tigers were in last place at the mile, rowing behind Navy whose number six man had broken an oar over a buoy! In the last mile, they passed the middles, Rutgers, Syracuse and Cornell to win eight and cornell to win eight of the pictures may drop them to ninth or tenth, just as Wisconsin may go from fifth to second in the varsity event.

The move from Poughkeepsie to Marietta, marred by errors on the part of man and nature alike, was hardly crowned with success. Advised to the control the Ohio's current through a series of dams and locks was washed away by the heavy rainfall. Seats in two of the observation cars broke, and a larges grove of trees in a state cut off from view nearly 300 yards of the stretch run. As for the

judges' weird decisions, there may never be a valid explanation. But despite reports that two of the five colleges vating (Columbia and Navy) will do everything in their power to go back broughteepse, the feeling exists Poughteepse, the feeling exists other try. Ticket sales on the train other try. Ticket sales on the train helped put the entire operation into the black, a very unusual situation for college rowing. The biggest villian in the show — the weather—is unlikely to not up in similar fashion for a decade or more.

The decision may not come for several weeks, possibly not until December, when the I.R.A. holds its annual meeting in New York.

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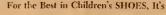
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A half-century of gradually deteriorating relations with the city of Poughkeepsie took the regatta away from there last Winter; it may well be the logical move to go back again to Marietta, where the people are shy in the face of the unprecedented attention being paid their quiet town but politely eager to play the role of hospitable, efficient hosts which the elements denied them in June of 1950.

Second Half Begins. Princeton's Twin-M League entry visits Hopewell this Thursday to begin the second half of circuit play intent on maintaining its spot on top of the league. Manager Tom Brophy will rely on the slants of Dave Ogonofski to get the Tigertowners started right in the closing portion of the split campaign.

Next Monday on Brokaw Field the team will have an opportunity to avenge one of its two first half setbacks when Hightstown provides the opposition.

A rainy week prevented Brophy's nine from improving the record of ten and two that had it a half game ahead of second place Belle Mead at this time last week. But the weather also prevented Belle Mead from winning the one game that would move it into a first place tie with Princeton.

Batting average statistics show that Princeton has five of its nine most active hitters above the .300 level. Second baseman Dick Coffee, hitting safely in all 12 games he has played, has collected 17 hits in 46 times at bat for a fat .369 average. Nick Ross is hitting at a brow-raising .391 clip on nine hits in 23 at bats.

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Other averages: Tom Brophy, 11 for 30, .367; Jim Brown, 11 for 31, .355; Joe Coffee, 19 for 53, .306; Joe Friel, 10 for 35, .286; Jack Petrone, 13 for 46, .283; Jim Jackson, 5 for 18, .277, and Bob Kehoe, 7 for 39, .172.

Ransome to the Rescue. The A. V. C. entry in the B softball league maintained its perfect record on Tuesday by handing E.T.S. its first setback, 4-3. Ernie Ransome, who is best remembered for his Palmer Stadium gridiron feats, singled —Continued on Page 11

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home the two runs in the last inning that moved A. V. C. Into an undisputed lead.

In A league play also on Tuesday, the Phantom A. C. padded its lead by trouncing the Eagles, 17-4. Espositos A. C. warded off a challenge to its second-place herth by trimining Pete's A. C., 8-4, on Mon-

The league standings:

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Family Dissension. Skip Ferrara, coach of the Eagles' girls' team, watched his 13-year-old daughter, Betty, hit a last-inning home run that gave the Pielettes a 5-4 victory over the Eagles on Tuesday. Emma Marcolini Embly, the Pielettes' pitching ace, fanned ten Eagles batters to raise her twogame total to 26.

E. T. S. kept pace with the Pielcttes by winning its second straight, an 18-5 triumph over Swinnerton's Sluggers. Thorne's entry in the girls' league, sporting new flaming red uniforms, exploded for 32 runs while holding Coan's to a mere 20 in another Tuesday game.

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different penal institutions to gain material for her story, is the bitter, hrutal record of women behind bars, Innocently convicted as a pregnant newly-wed after her hushand is killed in a holdup, Eleanor Parker experiences all that is worst ahout prison life. Over-emotional, the film's best qualities are good

acting and capable direction.

Bright Leaf (Wed.-Sat.) records
the stormy career of Gary Cooper
in tohacco-land; his long battle to gain revenge on the men who once drove him and his family from their home, Lauren Bacall and Patrcia Neal are romantically involved with him in a over-long drama that is not one of Mr. Cooper's best.
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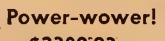
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